

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 19-23 are new.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2, 10-13 and 16-18 are substantively allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended by combining it with claim 2. Since claim 2 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

New claim 19 is a combination of original claims 1 and 10. Since claim 10 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 19 is allowable.

Claim 20 is a combination of original claims 1 and 13. Since claim 13 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 20 is allowable.

Claim 21 is a combination of original claims 1 and 16. Since claim 16 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 21 is allowable.

Claim 22 is a combination of original claims 1 and 17. Since claim 17 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 22 is allowable.

Claim 23 is a combination of original claims 1 and 18. Since claim 18 was held to be directed to allowable subject matter, claim 23 is allowable.

Dependent claims 2-18 now all depend from allowable parent claims. These subclaims are directed to independently allowable subject matter, as reflected in the allowance of subclaims 2, 10-13 and 16-18, and they are further allowable because they depend from allowable parent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. A formal notification to that effect at an early date is requested.

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PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

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